

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending, and claims 1-13 have been withdrawn because of a requirement for election.

Claims 14-17 have been examined and rejected. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejection of Claims 14-15

Claims 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over H. Etoh, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0161920 A1 (hereinafter "Etoh") in light of T. Ando et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0078202 A1 (hereinafter "Ando"). The applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 14 recites:

14. A method comprising:
deploying a first station in a first network;
deploying a server in a second network connected to said first network through a secure access server;
transmitting from said first station a protocol data unit addressed to a second station in said first network, **wherein said protocol data unit comprises an address of said server;** and
triggering an alarm if said protocol data unit is received at said server.
(*emphasis supplied*)

Nowhere does Etoh or Ando teach or suggest, alone or in combination, what claim 14 recites — namely, that the protocol data unit comprises the address of the server. In other words, the protocol data unit is not a "response packet."

In contrast, Etoh teaches that the protocol data unit comprises the address of an "unauthorized" server, which is not the server in the second network. For this reason, the applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 14 is traversed.

Because claim 15 depends on claim 14, the applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 15 is also traversed.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejection of Claims 16-17

Claims 16 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over H. Etoh, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0161920 A1 (hereinafter "Etoh") in light of T. Ando et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0078202 A1 (hereinafter "Ando") and further in light of M. Burrows, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0073338 A1 (hereinafter "Burrows"). The applicants respectfully traverse.

Because claims 16 and 17 depend on claim 14, and because Burrows fails to cure the deficiency of Etoh and Ando with respect to claim 14, the applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of them is traversed.

Request for Reconsideration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Having responded to each and every ground for objection and rejection in the Office action mailed October 16, 2007, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the instant application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 and request that the Examiner allow all of the pending claims and pass the application to issue.

If there are remaining issues, the applicants respectfully request that Examiner telephone the applicants' attorney at 732-687-7990 so that those issues can be resolved as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,
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